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 SPECIFIC - ONODERA Makoto.

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The information concerning ONODERA in Attachment (1) was received by the Army Attaché in Stockholm from an official source in the Swedish Intelligence Service. The American Consulate in Gothenburg provided the information in Attachment (2). The indications are that ONODERA's trip to Sweden was purely a legitimate business operation and that no attempt was made by him to contact any of his former professional associates.

for George E. AURELL

Enclosures:

1. WDGS Intelligence Report No. R-51-53, I.D. No. 1136766, "Present Activities of Brig. Gen. Makoto ONODERA", 27 January 1953. (In triplicate.)
2. WDGS Intelligence Report No. R-51-53, I.D. No. 1140708, "Present Activities of Brig. Gen. Makoto ONODERA", 2 March 1953. (In triplicate.)

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Attachment (1)

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WDGS Intelligence Report

Country: Sweden

Report No. R-31-53

Ind. No. 1136766

Subject: Present Activities Brig. Gen. Makoto ONODERA, Former Japanese MA
to Sweden.

FROM: OARMA, Stockholm, Sweden

27 Jan 1953

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BRIGADIER GENERAL MAKOTO ONODERA

Subject was well known to Swedish Intelligence sources as former Japanese Military attache in Stockholm, and as an espionage agent of some ability. About one year ago, the Swedish export firm "Gerus" of Goteborg, requested the Alien Control Commission for the subject to enter Sweden as the commercial representative of the export firm in Japan. Because of the subject's reputation as an espionage agent and former member of Axis Military Forces, permission was denied.

The request was repeated some few months ago, at which time the Swedish negative attitude was reconsidered in the light of the fact that it was assumed that Japan being under U.S. influence, if not outright control, would be an area from which travelers would be well screened prior to their departure, this assumption leading therefore to the conclusion that the subject had the implied, if not explicit, approval of the United States. However, contrary to this view, the Swedish Security Police have had the subject under surveillance since arrival in this country, and it has been reported to the Army Attache that the subject has made no contacts outside those routinely associated with the Swedish export firm of Gerus and has made no effort to get in contact with any of his possible former professional associates in Sweden.

The Army Attache's official source in the Swedish Intelligence Service has promised to inform the Army Attache of any act which comes to the attention of the Security Police. It was gratuitously added that during the period of the subject's incumbency in Stockholm as Japanese Military Attache, it was known to the Swedish Intelligence authorities that the subject was in early and continuing contact with representatives of the German Intelligence Service but insofar as could be determined, subject engaged in no intelligence activities against Sweden, or contrary to the scope of his normally accredited diplomatic duties.

Attachment (2)

1-5 May 1953

WDGS Intelligence Report

Country: Sweden

Report No. R-51-53

I.D. No. 1140708

Subject: Present Activities Brig. Gen. Makoto ONODERA, former Japanese
MA to Sweden.

From: OArmA, Stockholm

2 March 1953

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1-5 May 1953

1. The following information concerning the GERUM Company and its founder, TORVALD GERUM, was provided this office by the American Consulate in Gothenburg:

Gerum & Company, Aktiebolag, Kaserntorget, Göteborg

Limited company, registered: 14/7/1930 (5.17 Swedish Kroner = \$1.00)

Share capital: Kr. 200,000:- in shares of Kr. 100:- each

Director: Torvald Oscar Evert Gerum, Göteborg

Deputy: Stig Anders Gerum, Göteborg

The firm is signed by Torvald Oscar Evert Gerum and Stig Anders Gerum, individually or by anyone of Erik Allan Hugo Evers and Rolf Ernst Olsson, both living in Gothenburg.

The company took over the yarn department of John Lyon & Co., A/B in Gothenburg and acts as agent in yarns, drapery and stockings. The firm works on a comparatively large scale.

Torvald Gerum was born in 1889 and is married. He was formerly about 20 years employed with John Lyon & Co., A/B. Gerum has an ordered financial standing. Among the assets may be mentioned a villa in Stemungsund valued at Kr. 25,000.

The share capital was originally Kr. 100,000, and was increased to 150,000 in 1951 and to the present amount in April 1952, the last time through new emission.

The company's financial position is ordered. We inclose a translation of the balance sheet at 31/12/1951.

The company have no abundance of liquid means, but complaints are not on record. A small credit is advised.

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Gerum & Company, Aktiebolag, Gothenburg
31 December 1951

Inventory, Office and stock after write-off	73,086.47	Share Capital	200,000.00
Shares	5,000.00	Reserve Fund	21,000.00
Stock-in-trade	286,516.50	Short-termed debts:	
Sundry claims	247,294.62	Check account	408.41
Cash	2,852.06	Bills	224,183.06
Postal check	11,887.42	Sundry debts	159,495.01
		Loan	15,000.00
		Taxes	5,256.00
		Profit balance	1,134.04
		Net profit 1951	160.57
Sw. Kr.	626,637.09	Sw. Kr.	626,637.09

2. The American Consul General in Gothenburg has informed this office that he has made inquiries through the Security Police, who assured him that the firm enjoys an excellent reputation and has no connection with any subversive activities.

COMMENT: Information contained in this report tends to confirm our previous comment to the effect that all indications are that Brig. General Omodera is engaged in a strictly legitimate business operation. There is nothing that this office has been able to uncover to indicate to the contrary. It is doubted that any additional information may be obtained.

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